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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## Affirmation in Support of Application for Order of Continuance

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3. At the initial presentment, defense counsel consented to a waiver of her client's right pursuant to Rule 5.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of the initial appearance. Accordingly, under the Speedy Trial Act the Government initially had until March 6, 2020 within which to file an indictment or information.

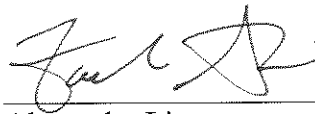
4. Defense counsel and I have had discussions regarding a possible disposition of this case beginning on February 5, 2020 and continuing to as recently as February 27, 2020. The negotiations have not been completed and we plan to continue our discussions, but do not anticipate a resolution before the deadline under the Speedy Trial Act expires on March 6, 2020.

5. Therefore, the Government is requesting a 30-day continuance until April 6, 2020, to continue the foregoing discussions and reach a disposition of this matter. On February 26, 2020, I personally exchanged emails with defense counsel Ilene Jaroslaw, Esq., who specifically consented to this request.

6. For the reasons stated above, the ends of justice served by the granting of the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

Dated: New York, New York

*February 26, 2020*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Li", written over a horizontal line.

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